

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PREMATURE REFRESHING OF SONAR CABLE DURING SEA OPERATIONS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether failure of Naval Headquarters to investigate into premature refreshing of Sonar Cable during sea operations and using the Cable after expiry of its life resulted in loss of Sonar Dome;
- (b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such incident;
- (c) whether the matter has been enquired into to fix the responsibility on guilty officials; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (d): The Electronics end of the Towed Sonar was lost from an Indian Naval Ship in September, 1998. A Board of Inquiry concluded that the loss was due to localised corrosion at the joints of the towing cables. This finding was also endorsed by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). Necessary corrective measures have been implemented to prevent occurrence of corrosion by use of improved protective material to the cable as recommended by the OEM. The system of periodical inspection to check corrosion has also been instituted.